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308 MAIN STREET
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private.

308 MAIN STREET is a small house, modest but carefully designed to reflect the taste of the third quarter of the nineteenth century. (If the frame rear wing is discovered to be earlier, include a statement about that here.)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

308 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Eugene Shaw

Telephone #: 833-7274

STREET & NUMBER

308 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE

zip code

21136

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 5270

Folio #: 276

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

308 Main Street is a two story common bond brick house, four bays in length; a one-story hipped-roof porch extends across its principal front, the east, closely oriented to the street. Behind its northerly bays is a two story brick wing three bays in length with two stories of porches on its south side. West of the brick wing is a small two-story frame wing with a very shallow shed roof falling to the north; a brick external chimney is at the west end, its shape indicating a large fire-place within; although the frame wing was inaccessible, it was probably the kitchen and it was probably but one story in height, originally. The brick structure dates from ca. 1860-1875. The frame wing may be earlier, indeterminable without interior examination.

The principal entrance is in the northerly bay of the east front; its four-paneled door is surrounded by paneled pilasters and its heavy transom bar is deeply carved. Panels of the door and pilasters are formed of bold applied mouldings with semi-circular ends. The very long windows have 4/4 sash, the vertical muntin being heavier than the horizontal; they are flanked with louvred blinds. The first story opening of the southerly bay, east facade, is closed with brick; it appears to have been a window. The wide cornice has closely spaced turned drop pendants. A small chimney rises from the center of the gabled roof.

The porches of the rear wing are beneath a gabled roof common with the wing and its first story is infilled with frame walls covered with wood shingles. The frame rear wing is also covered with wood shingles.

Within are two rooms facing the street, of approximately equal width, the chimney rising between them. The fireplace of the northerly room has been rebuilt, its mantel taken from elsewhere, and the southerly room has no fireplace.

A plaster ornament, square in shape and set diagonally, is on the ceiling of the southerly room. A small room is west of the southerly, now a bathroom. The original stair is missing but it may have been immediately west of the northerly room. Openings are trimmed with plain material with a raked head. The rear wing's first story was inaccessible.

The second floor plan is similar and detailing is simpler. In the unfinished attic, the rafters, mostly circular sawn, but with occasional straight-sawn faces, are mitered at the ridge. The absence of sheathing on the westerly rafters of the main house adjacent to the rear wing indicates that the house and its wing are contemporary. A small cellar is beneath part of the rear wing. First floor joists are log.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Originally part of Brotherly Love and Philip's Desire, part of John Reister's estate. Upon his death, his son-in-law, Henry Wiest divided the tracts into building lots and sold them off.

The property under consideration was sold by Wiest in 1805 to Abraham Larsh, Jr. (WG 85/88-90). Larsh was a storekeeper in the town. He served as a private in the War of 1812 under Capt. Sterrett. He was married to Catherine Worthington.

For reasons which remain unclear, the property was deeded in 1821 to Abraham's brother Charles by Jacob Schley and _____ W. Evans (WG 159/94); Charles was also a storekeeper. He married Rachel Rebecca Richardson. He died when he was thirty-three in 1829. Rachel remarried to Samuel P. Storm.

Charles and Rachel had had two children before he died. James C. Larsh was the eldest and Washington Gardner the second son. In 1867, James C. Larsh was deeded property which had been his younger brother's. Washington had willed property to James and his mother, stepfather and stepbrothers and sister in 1849. He had sailed to California and was never heard from again. James' portion plus that from his mother, stepfather and stepbrothers and sister were deeded to him in 1867 (JHL 53/289).

Dr. Larsh became a medical doctor, having graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1842. He eventually sold the land in 1884 to William A. Slade (WMI 141/158). It was Dr. Larsh who probably built the brick structure there today.

In August, 1936, Joseph Whitney Shirley, Jr., acting as a trustee for members of the Slade family, sold the property for \$4,000.00 to William Henry Slade (CWB 979/234).

Slade kept the property until June, 1951 when he sold it to G. William Seabold and wife, Dorothy (CWB 1975/111).

In March of 1960, the Seabolds sold the property to Edda Rosskopf. At this point, the property was divided and the Seabolds bought back the southernmost portion fronting on Main Street (WJR 3682/001 & 003).

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Significance, continued

The new holding was retained by the Seabolds until 1961 when it was sold to William B. Kahl (WJR 3825/283).

Mr. Kahl sold the property in 1972 to the present owners (WJR 5270/276).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse
 Marks, Lillian Reisters Desire (Baltimore, 1975)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .39 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown

STATE

Maryland 21136

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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